

## **REMARKS**

In the May 19, 2003 Office Action, Claim 1 is pending and was rejected as allegedly being anticipated under 35 USC §102(b) and allegedly being obvious 35 USC §103(a).

### **SECTION 102 REJECTION**

Claim 1 was rejected under to 35 USC §102(b) by Downing et al (U.S. Patent 3,891,176).

Without conceding that the original Claim 1 was not patentable, Claim 1 for a tire hanger has been amended to include the second end being of suitable length to engage an axel hole of a tire in an approximately vertical orientation and is not taught by Downing. Furthermore, new Claims 2 and 3 depending from currently amended Claim 1 point out additional features and advantages not taught by Downing. Accordingly, Claims 1-3 are understood to be allowable.

Again without conceding that the original Claim 1 was not patentable, new independent Claims 4, 7, and 10 for a tire hanger with a pivotable joint to engage an axel hole of a wheel, features that not taught by Downing. Furthermore, dependent Claims 5-6, 8-9, and 11 depending respectively from new Claims 4, 7, and 10 point out additional features and advantages not taught by Downing. Accordingly, Claims 4-11 are understood to be allowable.

Again without conceding that the original Claim 1 was not patentable, new independent Claim 12 for a method to use a tire hanger to engage an axel hole of a tire has been added, and together with following dependent Claims 13 and 14, includes additional features and advantages not taught by Downing. Accordingly, Claims 12-14 are understood to be allowable.

Again without conceding that the original Claim 1 was not patentable, new independent Claims 15 and 20 for a method to use a tire hanger with a pivotable joint to engage an axel hole of a tire or wheel have been added, and together with respective claims 16-19 depending from Claim 15, includes additional features and advantages not taught by Downing. Accordingly, Claims 15-20 are understood to be allowable.



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## **SECTION 103 REJECTION**

Claims 1 was rejected under to 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lynch (U.S. Patent 3,891,176) in view of Downing (U.S. Patent 3,891,176) and Kapp (U.S. Patent 3,891,176).

Without conceding that the original Claim 1 was not patentable, Claim 1 for a tire hanger has been amended to include the second end being of suitable length to engage an axel hole of a tire in an approximately vertical orientation and is not taught by Lynch, Downing, or Kapp. Furthermore, new Claims 2 and 3 depending from new Claim 4 point out additional features and advantages not taught by Lynch, Downing, or Kapp. Accordingly, Claims 1-3 are understood to be allowable.

Again without conceding that the original Claim 1 was not patentable, new independent Claims 4, 7, and 10 for a tire hanger with a pivotable joint to engage an axel hole of a wheel, features that are neither taught by Lynch, Downing, or Kapp. Furthermore, dependent Claims 5-6, 8-9, and 11 depending respectively from new Claims 4, 7, and 10 point out additional features and advantages not taught by Lynch, Downing, or Kapp. Accordingly, Claims 4-11 are understood to be allowable.

Again without conceding that the original Claim 1 was not patentable, new independent Claim 12 for a method to use a tire hanger to engage an axel hole of a tire has been added, and together with following dependent Claims 13 and 14, includes additional features and advantages not taught by Lynch, Downing, or Kapp. Accordingly, Claims 12-14 are understood to be allowable.

Again without conceding that the original Claim 1 was not patentable, new independent Claims 15 and 20 for a method to use a tire hanger with a pivotable joint to engage an axel hole of a tire or wheel have been added, and together with respective claims 16-19 depending from



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Claim 15, includes additional features and advantages not taught by Lynch, Downing, or Kapp.  
Accordingly, Claims 15-20 are understood to be allowable.



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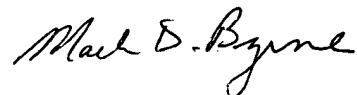
  
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## CONCLUSION

Applicant requests continued examination, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1 - 20.

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